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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Office Action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on October 6, 2005 be extended for two months, to and including February 6, 2006.

Please note that the entity status of this application has changed. Applicants hereby claim small entity status, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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